



The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events
For York County Extension Volunteers

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Calendar of Events

Jun. 30-Jul. 4	4-H Summer Residential Camp
Jul. 9, 9:30am-noon.	<i>Learning Through Visits</i> - Phoebus Garden
Jul. 10, 7-9pm	TAP Seminar – <i>Tree Pruning</i> , NBG Holly Room; Reg. Req.
Jul. 19	Renovation Lawn Clinic, TBA
Jul. 26	Renovation Lawn Clinic, TBA
Aug. 14, 7-9pm	TAP Seminar – <i>Protecting Trees</i> , NBG Holly Room; Reg. Req.
Aug.	Lawn Maintenance Clinic, TBA
Sep. 2	Master Gardener Training Classes Begin (Schedule posted) www.yorkcounty.gov/vce
Sep. 11, 7-9pm	TAP Seminar – <i>Diagnosing Tree Problems</i> , NBG Holly Room; Reg. Req.
Oct. 9, 7-9pm	TAP Seminar – <i>Tree Health Care</i> , NBG Holly Room; Reg. Req.
Nov. 13, 7-9pm	TAP Seminar – <i>Tree Hazards</i> , NBG Holly Room; Reg. Req.

Thursdays Work/Learn Day in the Learning Garden 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jody at 890-4940 or Wanda Turner at 898-0653, e-mail: wgt00@cox.net. The deadline for the Green Thumb is ALWAYS the 15th of the month, no exception.

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. Jody will pass the word. We want to keep in contact with you. These changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

Master Gardener Mission Statement: *Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.*

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Notes from Jim

It has been a very active programming season and I thank everyone for the roles that they played to make it very successful. It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the spring Home Gardener program and the 4-H Chrysanthemum program because of the low enrollment. We will continue to program through the summer and get ready to teach our classes in the fall of the year. Thank you for your continued support in all aspects of the York County Cooperative Extension Office.

Enjoy yourself and family activities during the summer months.

Jim

A Note From Our "Volunteer of the Year"...

Dear Fellow Master Gardeners,

I am extremely honored to represent you as the Volunteer of the Year. I think this is the best volunteer organization I have ever been a part of, and believe me there have been several throughout our military travels. I strongly believe that every hour a person spends in volunteer work reaps much more than those 60 minutes toward making their community a much better place to live. And at the same time I get to learn new things and meet wonderful people like you. So thank you for allowing me to dig and propagate and prune and share with you and most importantly, to give back to our county and country. I'll continue to do my best to be an active and contributing member of the Master Gardeners, and to live up to this award.

Terry Hanson

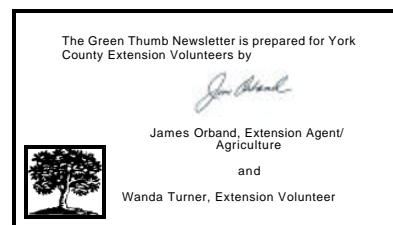
Thank You...

I would like to thank the York County Master Gardeners for their thoughts of kindness during the time of my mother's death. It was sincerely appreciated.

Bernice Little

May Programming Meeting

Our May programming meeting, held at York Hall, was short, sweet and productive. "Thank you" to Jim and Debbie Orband, for opening your home and garden to the York County MGs and for providing a delicious lunch to the ever hungry and always ready to eat Master Gardeners. A few even walked away with a little something extra for their gardens.



Advanced Training Scheduled for the Lawn Team

All Lawn Team members are hereby called to active duty.

Advanced training is required for participation in the 2003 Lawn Clinic series, so I hope that all interested (and inspired) MGs will be able to attend the training scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th, from 9am to 3pm (bring a bag lunch) -- location and instructor TBD.

There are 19 MGs on the published Lawn Team roster, but any MG can join the team by receiving advanced training. Please note that attending the training obligates you to participate (as leader or helper) in at least two of the clinics scheduled.

The great response to my request for a few good/bad lawns has prompted me to attempt seven (7) clinics for 2003.

Two Renovation Clinics in mid-summer:

Saturday, July 19

Saturday, July 26

Five Maintenance Clinics for late summer-early fall:

Saturday, August 23

Saturday, September 6

Saturday, September 13

Saturday, September 20

Saturday, September 27

Preparation of Lawn Packet materials to be distributed to clinic attendees provides an opportunity for volunteer hours for both team and non-team MGs. Packet stuffing can even be performed in the comfort of your own home! Call me if you have questions or want to help out.

Pray for 1 inch of rain per week.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Evans, Lawn Team Coordinator

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Learning Garden Plant Sale

The Learning Garden Plant Sale was an enormous success. However, we still have plants available for sale. If interested, stop by the garden and check it out. You can leave the money with Jody or you can come by on Thursday mornings.

Two Items For Sale

Corona Trowel

You can order a Corona Comfort Trowel for around \$5.00. The specifics of this trowel are: blade length is 6 1/4", blade width is 3," the overall length is 12 1/2" and the weight is 0.5 lb. The Corona Trowel is a one-piece aluminum alloy tool that has a padded rubber handle. Several garden businesses retail this trowel for \$10.00.

The Peninsula Master Gardener Class Committee has decided to use this trowel as the 2003 Class's speaker's gift and to make these trowels available, in mid-July 2003, to all Master Gardeners. A firm price will be established after shipping and taxes have been added.

Common Plants Of The Peninsula

The "Common Plants of the Peninsula" booklet will also be offered to the 2003 Master Gardeners trainees and to all Master Gardeners for \$20.00. So now you will have the opportunity to own it for your reference library. The last time this booklet was printed was in June 2000 and is the updated version of the "Ten Most Common Plants" booklet. A copy of the "Common Plants of the Peninsula" is in the Extension Office library if you would like to review it.

This new edition has 16 color plates and 89 pages. It describes (in detail) 73 zone 7(b) plants: annuals, bulbs, grasses, ground covers, perennials, shrubs (deciduous and evergreen), trees (small and large deciduous), trees (small and large evergreen) and vines. Availability of this booklet will be late October 2003.

If you are interested in either the trowel and/or the "Most Common Plants of the Peninsula," please notify me at (parkerew@aol.com/868-0496) and I will put your name on the list.

Evelyn Parker

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 4-6pm MG Ice Cream Social Learning Garden	2	3	4 9:30am-12 <i>Learning Through Visits</i> Dare & Grafton Gardens	5 MG College	6 MG College	7 MG College
8 MG College	9	10 9:30am Programming Meeting, St. Luke's	11	12 7-9pm TAP Seminar NBG Holly Rm.	13	14
15	16	17	18 International MG Conference	19 International MG Conference	20 International MG Conference	21 International MG Conference
22	23	24 9am-3pm Lawn Team Advanced Training	25 Latecomer's Pesticide Training, Norfolk	26	27 12-1pm HearSay WHRV 89.5 FM	28
29	30 4-H Summer Residential Camp					